

## LAPORTE COUNTY: Key Data Points

- The county observed 12 infant deaths, 6 of which were neonatal deaths
- A significantly higher percentage of the county's mothers are smoking during pregnancy compared to the state of Indiana (25.1% versus 18.5% respectively)
- A higher percentage of black mothers in La Porte county are delivering low birth weight and preterm babies compared to state percentages (17.8% versus 13.3% respectively)
- La Porte county observed 43 accidental deaths (22 of which were motor vehicle), 18 suicidal deaths, and 4 homicides

**Note:** All figures relate to 2003 data from the Indiana State Department of Health, unless otherwise specified

**Figure 1. Births**

	Total		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Crude Rate*	Number	Crude Rate*	Number	Crude Rate*	Number	Crude Rate*
<b>LaPorte County</b>	1,309	11.9	1,129	11.7	169	15.3	11	5(U)
<b>INDIANA</b>	86,382	13.9	75,422	13.7	9,288	17.5	1,672	10.6

\* births per 1,000 population; U = unstable rate, based on fewer than 20 births

**Figure 2. Mortality**

		NUMBER				RATE*		
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	REPORTED RACE/ETHNICITY	Live Births	Infant Deaths (< 1 yr)	Neonatal Deaths (< 28 days)	Post Neonatal Deaths (28-364 days)	Infant Deaths (< 1 yr)	Neonatal Deaths (< 28 days)	Post Neonatal Deaths (28-364 days)
<b>LAPORTE</b>	All Races	1,309	12	6	6	**	**	**
	White	1,129	10	4	6	**	**	**
	Black	169	2	2	0	**	**	0
	Other	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hispanic	81	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>INDIANA</b>	All Races	86,382	641	417	224	7.4	4.8	2.6
	White	75,422	479	309	170	6.4	4.1	2.3
	Black	9,288	148	98	50	15.9	10.6	5.4
	Other	1,672	14	10	4	**	**	**
	Hispanic	6,763	38	22	16	5.6	3.3	**

\*rate per 1,000 live births \*\*Numerator is less than 20 and the rate is unstable

**Figure 3. Outcome Indicators of Mother, by Race**

		Birth Weight				During Pregnancy		
LAPORTE COUNTY	Total Births	% Low (< 2500 grams)	% Very Low (< 1500 grams)	% Preterm †	% PNC 1st Trimester ‡	% Alcohol	% Smoked	% Unmarried Parents
All Races	1,309	8.8	1.8	10.2	74.2(S)	0.9	25.1(S)	46.2(S)
White	1,129	7.3	1.1	9.5	75.7(S)	0.7	24.8(S)	40.6(S)
Black	169	17.8	6.5	14.8	65.1	2.4	26.6(S)	84.6

		Birth Weight				During Pregnancy		
INDIANA	Total Births	% Low (< 2500 grams)	% Very Low (< 1500 grams)	% Preterm †	% PNC 1st Trimester ‡	% Alcohol	% Smoked	% Unmarried Parents
All Races	86,382	7.9	1.4	9.9	80.6	0.6	18.5	37.1
White	75,422	7.2	1.2	9.5	82.1	0.6	19.1	32.6
Black	9,288	13.3	3.3	13.3	68.2	1.1	15.2	76.3

† Preterm: less than 37 weeks gestation

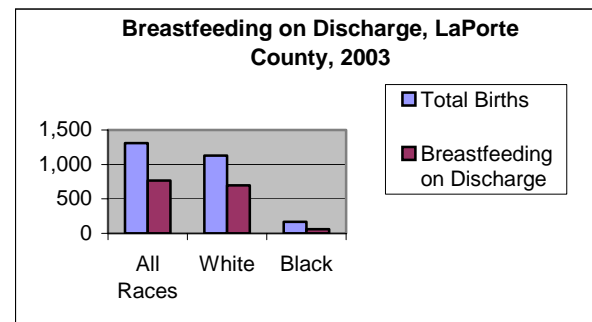
‡ PNC: Prenatal Care

'S' Significantly different than the state percent

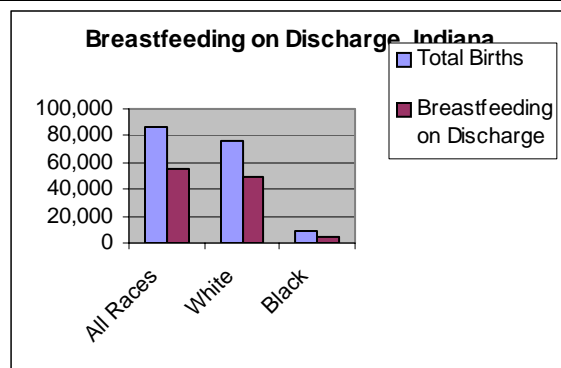
\*\*\* Outcomes for this county are suppressed due to 20 or fewer total births

**Figure 4. Breastfeeding**

LAPORTE COUNTY	All Races	White	Black
Total Births	1,309	1,129	169
Breastfeeding on Discharge	765	698	62
% Breastfeeding on Discharge	58.4	61.8	36.7



INDIANA	<i>All Races</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Black</i>
<b>Total Births</b>	86,382	75,422	9,288
<b>Breastfeeding on Discharge</b>	54,636	49,385	3,959
<b>% Breastfeeding on Discharge</b>	63.2	65.5	42.6



**Figure 5. HIV/AIDS**

	<b>Total # of AIDS cases reported since 1982*</b>	<b>Total # of HIV cases reported since 1985*</b>
<b>LAPORTE COUNTY INDIANA</b>	120	78
	7,641	3,856

\*numbers current through June 2005

**Figure 6. Nutritional Risk Factors by Status,**  
Indiana WIC Clinics, Quarter Ending 09/30/2004

Local Agency: North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc. Counties Included: LaPorte							
Risk Factor or Status	Children 1-5 years of Age					Total	% within Agency
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other		
Overweight	26	7	12	1	2	48	3.8%
At Risk for becoming Overweight	46	24	10	0	0	80	6.3%
Local Agency: State Wide Counties Included: All							
Risk Factor or Status	Children 1-5 years of Age					Total	% within Agency
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other		
Overweight	1,732	445	800	12	97	3,086	4.8%
At Risk for becoming Overweight	2,023	485	639	11	124	3,282	5.1%

Priority Issues (La Porte & Indiana)			
Demographics: Percentage of population enrolled in Medicaid, Percentage of population enrolled in Food Stamps.		La Porte	Indiana
2	% of Population enrolled in Medicaid as of June 2003	13	12.4
3	% of Population in Food Stamps Program, 2004	9.6	8.6
Priority #1 (pregnancy outcomes): Average Infant Mortality Rate, Average Fetal death Rate		La Porte	Indiana
1	Av Total Infant Death Rate (1993-2002)	7.6	8.1
2	Average Fetal Death Rate (1994-2003)	7.3	6.7
Priority #2 (reduce barriers): Health Professional Shortage Areas, Percentage of women with prenatal care in first trimester		La Porte	Indiana
1	Scores for Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) (2005)	12	NA
2	% PNC 1st Trimester†, 2003	74.2	80.6
Priority #4 (environmental): Prevalence of asthma, Childhood lead poisoning		La Porte	Indiana
1	Prevalence of Asthma in a Medicaid Cohort of Children age 0-17 years, 2003	13.2	10.4
2	%Estimated Lead Blood Levels (%EBLL) for Children under 6 years old FY 2004-2005	NA	2.1
Priority #5 (tobacco): Percentage of mothers who smoked during pregnancy, Percentage of Adult Smoking		La Porte	Indiana
1	% of mothers Smoked During Pregnancy, 2003	25.1	18.5
2	% of Adult Smoking in 2003	30.3	29.3
Priority #7 (adolescent risk behaviors): Adolescent deaths due to motor vehicle accidents, Chlamydia rates (ages 15-24).		La Porte	Indiana
1	Number of Adolescent (15-24) deaths due to Motor vehicle accidents (2001-2003)	26	748
2	Chlamydia rates per 100,000 county specific population (15-24yrs of Age)	1557.15	1541.49
Priority #8 (obesity): Obesity in pregnant women		La Porte	Indiana
1	Number of Obese Pregnant Women In Indiana, 2003	47	2,496
Priority #9 (domestic violence, childhood injury): Child deaths due to Injury, Child abuse and neglect rates		La Porte	Indiana
1	Child deaths due to Injury 1-14yrs (2001-2003)	7	257
2	Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 Population under age 18, 2004	13.7	13.5
Priority #10 (To improve racial and ethnic disparities in women of childbearing age, mothers, and children's health outcomes): Percentage of Hispanic Population of any Race, LBW Disparity Ratio		La Porte	Indiana
1	% of Hispanic Population of any Race, July,1,2004	3.7	4.3
2	Low Birth Weight Disparity Ratio (B/W) (1993-2002)	2.03	1.92
<b>Source:</b> Data Analysis Team, ISDH. <b>Notes:</b> 1. NS= Not Stable 2. NA = Not Available 3. Infant Mortality rate and Fetal Death rate is for 1000 live births. 4. Low Birth Weight: Birth Weight Less than 2,500grams. 5. HPSA Score ranges 1 – 25. The higher the score, the higher the need. 6. EBLL: Ten (10) micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood for one venous test; %EBLL is based on screening rate of 27% Statewide, unduplicated kids 7. Obesity in Pregnant Women determined by "Concurrent Illness Obesity" checkbox on the birth certificate 8. PNC percentages are calculated using total births in each county.			

**Note:** The following priorities have been identified for La Porte County:

- **Priority # 2:** To reduce barriers to access to health care, mental health care and dental care for pregnant women, infants, children, children with special health care needs, adolescents, women and families.
- **Priority # 4:** To reduce morbidity and mortality rates from environmentally related health conditions including asthma, lead poisoning and birth defects.
- **Priority # 7:** To reduce risk behaviors in adolescents including unintentional injuries and violence, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, risky sexual behavior including teen pregnancy, unhealthy dietary behaviors and physical inactivity.
- **Priority # 8:** To reduce obesity in Indiana.
- **Priority # 9:** To reduce the rates of domestic violence to women and children, child abuse and childhood injury in Indiana.
- **Priority # 10:** To improve racial and ethnic disparities in women of childbearing age, mothers, and children's health outcomes.